

[SENATE, No. 13.]

SENATE, January 23, 1863.—Read first and second times and referred to Committee on Printing. April 6, 1863.—Reported without amendment and ordered to be printed. April 13, 1863.—Read third time, amended and passed.

JAMES H. NASII, *Secretary*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. April 22d, 1863.—Read first and second times and referred to Committee on Printing. April 25, 1863.—Reported back favorably, and postponed to Tuesday next, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To be entitled an act in relation to the Public Printing.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That the Secretary of the Senate, immediately after the
3 adjournment of each session of Congress, shall prepare a fair
4 copy of the journal of the Senate, in open session, together with
5 any portion of its secret proceedings from which the injunction
6 of secrecy may have been removed, fully indexed, and shall de-
7 liver the same, properly certified, as soon as possible, to the At-
8 torney General. The Clerk of the House of Representatives,
9 immediately after each session, shall prepare a fair copy of the
10 journal of that body, in open session, together with any portion
11 of its secret proceedings from which the injunction of secrecy
12 may have been removed, fully indexed, and shall deliver the

13 same, properly certified, as soon as possible, to the Attorney Gen-
 14 eral. Said copies of the journals shall not contain unnecessary
 15 breaks, blanks or paragraphs, but all matter relating to one sub-
 16 ject shall be included within the same paragraph, according to
 17 the usual rules in relation to ordinary composition.

18 The Attorney General shall arrange the acts and resolutions
 19 under appropriate titles, affix marginal notes to each section, and
 20 index the same. Three thousand copies of said acts and resolu-
 21 tions shall be printed in form and style equal in every respect to
 22 the laws of the United States as annually published by Little &
 23 Brown. Fifteen hundred copies of the journal of each House
 24 shall be printed on good paper, in small pica type, the text of
 25 which shall be in pages of fifty printed lines, exclusive of folio,
 26 and containing twenty-nine ems to the line. The index, in pages
 27 of same size, shall be printed in bourgeois or brevier: *Provided,*
 28 That no proposals for the printing of the journals shall be made
 29 until further ordered by Congress. The Attorney General shall
 30 advertise one time, in one paper published at the capital of each
 31 State, or other place, as he may deem advisable, within said State,
 32 for sealed proposals for the delivery to him, at his office, on or
 33 before a day to be designated, of the acts and journals complete,
 34 in accordance with the above specifications. Said proposals shall
 35 state the rate per page for the text and the index, separately, at
 36 which the person offers to contract; and the party offering to

37 perform said work for the least sum shall be entitled to receive
 38 the same. The printing of the acts and journal shall not neces-
 39 sarily be embraced in a single contract, but the acts may be
 40 awarded to one person, and the journals, or either of them, to
 41 other bidders. The persons obtaining such contracts shall enter
 42 into bond with good securities, in such amount and within such
 43 time as the Attorney General may require, conditioned for the
 44 faithful performance of their contracts. Should any party fail to
 45 execute a bond as required, his contract shall thereby be forfeited
 46 at the option of the Attorney General, and the party rendered
 47 liable for damages for such failure. Upon forfeiture of any con-
 48 tract, another may be made with the next lowest bidder, and so
 49 on until the list of bidders is exhausted, or the Attorney General
 50 may again advertise for other proposals. Should no proposal for
 51 all or any part of said work be reasonable, the Attorney General
 52 may reject them, and report the fact to the next session of Con-
 53 gress. Any person obtaining a contract may print and sell, on
 54 his own account, any number of said acts or journals.

1 SEC. 2. That the laws, in pamphlet form, shall be distributed
 2 as follows: Two copies to each member of Congress for the time
 3 being; twenty copies each to the Secretary of the Senate and
 4 Clerk of the House of Representatives, to be retained in their
 5 respective offices; one copy to each committee of each House of
 6 Congress; five copies, each, to the President and Vice President;

7 two hundred copies to the Department of State, for its own use
 8 and for distribution among the diplomatic and consular officers
 9 of the Confederate States: two hundred copies to the Depart-
 10 ment of the Treasury, for its own use and for distribution
 11 amongst the revenue officers of the government; one hundred
 12 copies to the Department of Justice, for its own use and for dis-
 13 tribution amongst the judges, clerks, marshals, and attorneys of
 14 the Confederate States: fifty copies each to the Departments of
 15 War and Navy, and to the Postmaster General; and five copies
 16 each to the Governors of the several States, for the use of the
 17 States. The remainder shall be carefully preserved in the De-
 18 partment of Justice: to be bound in calf, in a substantial man-
 19 ner, as often as the number of pages shall be sufficient to form a
 20 volume of not less than eight hundred nor more than one thous-
 21 and pages. Whenever said volumes are thus to be bound, a new
 22 index shall be prepared by the Attorney General, comprising the
 23 contents of the whole volume. The remaining copies shall be
 24 kept in the Department of Justice, subject to the general order
 25 of Congress.

1 SEC. 3. That all acts and resolutions, signed by the President,
 2 or which may otherwise become laws, shall be deposited in the
 3 Department of Justice, and the originals there carefully pre-
 4 served. The Attorney General shall affix marginal notes to the
 5 acts and resolutions, fully index the same, and cause fair and

6 exact copies of the said acts, resolutions, notes and index to be
7 made for delivery to the contractor by whom the same are to be
8 printed.

1 SEC. 4. That the journals shall be distributed as follows: Two
2 copies of each to every person who was a member of Congress at
3 any time during said session; ten copies each to the Secretary of
4 the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, to be kept
5 in their respective offices; five copies to each State for every five
6 Representatives from such State in the Congress of the Confede-
7 rate States; five hundred copies of each shall be carefully pre-
8 served in the Department of Justice, and shall be bound together,
9 in sheep, when hereafter directed by Congress; and the remain-
10 ing copies shall be kept in said Department, subject to the general
11 order of Congress.

1 SEC. 5. That all printing in pamphlet form, ordered by Con-
2 gress, shall be in pages four and a half inches wide by eight inches
3 long, including folio, without separate title page, without needless
4 indentings, breaks, blanks and separations; the general body
5 thereof shall not be printed on type smaller than long primer,
6 nor larger than small pica; and for such work the public printer
7 shall receive the following compensation: For composition one
8 dollar and twenty-five cents per 1,000 ems; for press-work, folding
9 and stitching, one dollar and twenty-five cents per token. Bills
10 and resolutions, upon which final action is yet to be taken, shall

11 be printed in small pica type, in pages eight inches long by four
 12 and a half inches wide, the lines of each section numbered in
 13 the margin, and with space between the lines not wider than a
 14 bourgeois line: for the composition on such work, the public
 15 printer shall receive one dollar per 1,000 ems; for the press-work,
 16 folding and stitching, one dollar per token. The pay for yeas
 17 and nays shall be fifty cents per one hundred copies for either
 18 House. The compensation for all miscellaneous printing,
 19 ordered by Congress, shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents
 20 per 1,000 ems, and press-work of the same, one dollar and
 21 twenty-five cents per token. For all strictly rule and figure
 22 work, the compensation for composition shall be one hundred per
 23 cent. higher than for plain work. Composition shall charged but
 24 once for documents ordered by each House of Congress, unless
 25 the type has been distributed.

1 SEC. 6. All work in pamphlet form and all miscellaneous
 2 printing for the Executive Departments shall be done by the
 3 public printer, who shall receive the same compensation allowed
 4 for similar work when ordered by Congress.

1 SEC. 7. The chief officers of the Executive Departments shal
 2 advertise for sealed proposals for the printing of all blanks
 3 required in their several Departments, and also for all ruling and
 4 binding, as far as practicable, under such specifications as they
 5 may deem necessary—in the same manner, in all respects, as is

6 herein provided in regard to contracts for the printing of the
7 laws and journals.

1 SEC. 8. That the usual rates paid by other advertisers shall be
2 allowed for all advertisements inserted in public gazettes, by
3 authority of the Government, unless otherwise ordered or agreed ;
4 but no advertisement shall be inserted in more than three news-
5 papers in any State.

1 SEC. 9. That when printing on parchment is required by any
2 Department, the parchment shall be furnished by such Depart-
3 ment, and a special contract made for such printing, not to
4 exceed ten dollars per thousand copies.

1 SEC. 10. That each House of Congress shall elect its own
2 public printer, who shall hold his office for two years from the
3 date of his election and until his successor is chosen ; and shall
4 give bond for the faithful performance of his duty in the sum of
5 five thousand dollars.

1 SEC. 11. That it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of
2 Public Printing to purchase all paper of every description re-
3 quired by Congress, the executive departments, or the public
4 printing, to be performed by the public printer, under the general
5 provisions of this act, and not by special contract: *Provided*, all
6 such contracts shall be approved by the Attorney General ; and
7 all paper delivered to the departments shall be furnished upon the
8 written orders of chiefs of bureaus, which orders shall be filed.

1 SEC. 12. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the
2 Senate, the Clerk of the House and the chief officers of the execu-
3 tive departments to furnish to the said superintendent, in writing,
4 properly signed, all orders for printing required by Congress or
5 any department, which orders shall be filed.

1 SEC. 13. That the superintendent shall furnish the public
2 printer with all paper required for printing, under the general
3 provisions of this act, and of such description as said superin-
4 tendent may determine; and shall supervise, direct and control
5 such printing, both in regard to the general execution of the
6 work and the order and time in which it shall be completed; and
7 shall give his counsel and assistance to the chiefs of departments,
8 whenever required, in relation to the printing herein required
9 to be done by special contract or otherwise.

1 SEC. 14. That all accounts of the public printer shall be ac-
2 companied with a copy of every job or document specified in the
3 accounts; and no account shall be audited and allowed by the
4 superintendent unless accompanied by such vouchers, and the
5 affidavit of its correctness. Said account and vouchers, when
6 allowed, shall be filed, each year separately, in the office of the
7 superintendent. A duplicate of said account and affidavit pre-
8 sented by the public printer, when audited and allowed, shall
9 authorize its payment. On a refusal by the superintendent to
10 accept work done or to allow any account rendered, an appeal

11 may be taken to the head of the Department of Justice, whose
12 decision shall be final.

1 SEC. 15. That the prices to be paid to the public printer,
2 herein specified, shall at all times be subject to the alteration and
3 control of Congress as to work subsequently ordered.

1 SEC. 16. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the
2 provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY MR. PERKINS.

1 *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so con-
2 strued as to take from the Speaker of the House the right to
3 revise and correct the said journal before it is filed with the
4 Attorney General: *And provided further*, That he is authorized
5 to employ such additional clerks for making the transcripts as
6 he may deem necessary, to be paid out of the contingent fund of
7 the House.

